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1. The review by the BPAI filed 4/07/09 has been entered and considered. The missing reference in the section of "Evidence Relied Upon" on page 2 of the Examiner's Answer (filed 11/26/08) is corrected as below:

"(8) Evidence Relied Upon

5,696,864	Smith et al	12-1997
5,867,624	Forrester et al	02-1999
Applicants' Admitted Prior Art	AAPA (Page 1, paragraph 0003)".	

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-4568. The examiner can normally be reached on M & Tu, 6AM - 2PM, and W & Th, 9AM - 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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